

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as shown in the second substitute specification to the following:

For the ~~stretching~~ drafting of textile fibers, a new process is proposed, wherein a portion of the necessary force for ~~stretching~~ drafting is exerted by at least one fluid, which is brought into contact with the fibers to be ~~stretched~~ drafted in such a manner, that the said fluid entrains the fibers and brings to bear at least a portion of the necessary tensile force for the ~~stretching~~ drafting thereof.